

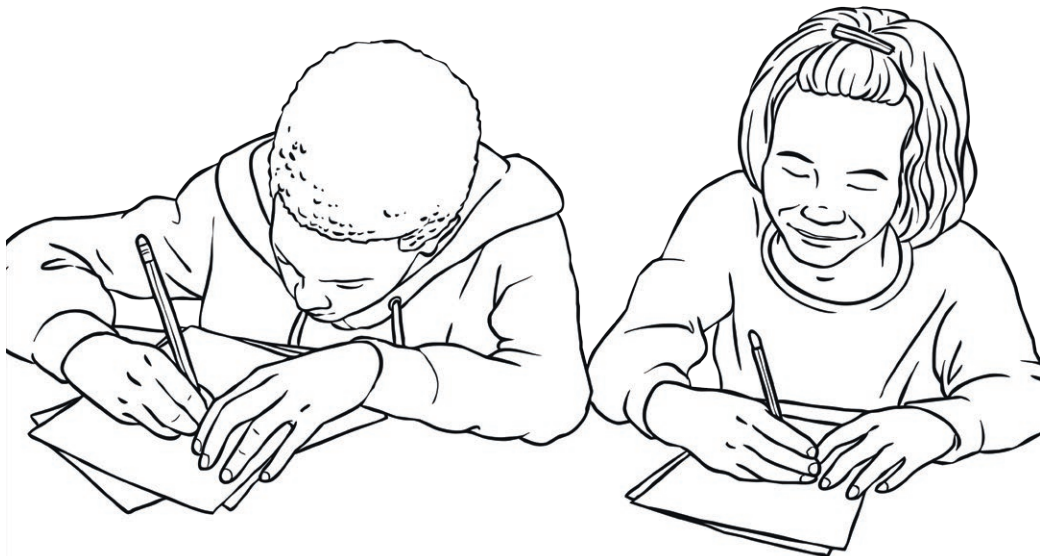
Standard English

Part A

The basic rule is that a singular subject takes a singular verb while a plural subject takes a plural verb; in this case a singular subject uses 'was' while plural subjects use 'were'.

Can you write out each sentence with the correct choice of either was or were?

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7. The singer was/were standing on the stage.
8. Seven elephants was/were marching down the road.
9. We was/were waiting to be seated.
10. It was/were a long way to go.



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Part B

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